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BLACK KNIGHT 6

Black Knights- Thanks for another great month of outstanding performance across the Task Force. In October, your Black Knights have trained from Latvia to Hohenfels to Grafenwohr.

The highlight of this month has been Team Wolfpack's deployment to Latvia in support of our new allies along the Baltic Sea. This event signifies a major commitment on our part to support former republics of the Soviet Union and the Soldiers of A/1-2 IN have done us proud. In fact, I type this message to you sitting on a cot in Adazi, Latvia among some great Wolfpack Warriors who are mounting up to begin live fire training with the Latvian Army today. Their energy, professionalism and positive attitude-like all the Black Knight Soldiersis a tremendous inspiration to the Command Sergeant Major and me.

Yesterday, elements of the company conducted a foot patrol with their Lithuanian counterparts through a small Latvian village. The sight of American Soldiers on patrol through the streets of a former Soviet Republic sends a powerful message about the advance of freedom and democratic values that a previous generation of Cold Warriors fought so hard to bring about.

In addition to the Latvian deployment, over 40 of our leaders have spent the month of October down in Hohenfels helping to train the 170th HBCT as they prepare to deploy to Afghanistan in the coming months.

They have been a great asset to the 170th and will be bringing their own lessons home to help us get ready as well.

This month saw the official start of the Brigade's Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program that began with 16 hours of Resiliency Training for many of our platoons. This program, developed over decades of research at the University of Pennsylvania is designed to build stronger, more resilient Soldiers better able to withstand the rigors of combat.

Finally, this month we bid farewell to CPT Kerry Brewster as she changed command with CPT Spencer Brown. CPT Brewster has built a great team in the Military Intelligence Company and we look forward to CPT Brown taking it to the next level.

I'd like to extend a special thanks to the Black Knight Family Readiness Groups this month that gave of their time to raise money and plan events like Oktoberfest and Halloween parties for their companies. So many volunteers have given so much of their time—you make this Task Force a great Family and a great place to serve.

Thank your for everything you do,

Mounted and Ready, Knight 06

BLACK KNIGHT 7

Maidens, Family Members and Friends of the Black Knights, "Sveiki" from operation "SABRE STRIKE" in Latvia!

Knight 6 and I are with Wolf Pack who are partnering and conducting multi national training with Latvia, Lithiuania, Estonia Ground forces and a Stryker Company from the Pennsylvania National Guard. This training is taking place at Adazi Training area is 45 mins from Riga.

We are living in an Life Support Area (LSA) in a "heated" fest tent, and eating local cuisine for breakfast and dinner. An example of breakfast is five hot dog like wieners on a plate of ketchup or mayo, hot tea and yogurt. Dinner last knight was a "meat loaf ball" a white sauce and a whipped potato/corn paste, bread and hot tea.

Wolf Pack is training at the platoon level and below during the day on 3 lanes at any given time and giving classes in the evening. Everyone is learning from everyone, a wonderful opportunity for our Soldiers and Leaders.

Special thanks to Phoenix for providing SGT Dabney and SPC Khushenazarov to fulfill Russian linguistic positions. Their skills and support have been a wonderful asset and enablier for Wolf Pack, thanks CPT Brown and 1SG Lambert!

The 16th Sustainment Brigade from Bamberg is supporting the exercise and our Soldiers with all the administrative support we require and going a great job!

I leave with you with my sincere thanks for your support and dedication to your Soldiers and the Black Knight family!

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This month has been a great one for the Wolfpack. The Company deployed to the country of Latvia in support of Saber Strike, a multi-national training exercise involving Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, and the US Army. The main focus of this training has been joint training between our company and our hosts. Red Platoon has been working with a company from Latvia, White Platoon is partnered with Estonia, Blue platoon is partnered with Lithuania, and HQ PLT is

partnered with a company from the Latvian National Guard. Since we arrived, Wolfpack has set the standard in everything it has done, from aggressively partnering and training with our partner nations to basic Soldier discipline. I am extremely proud of what the company has accomplished while here, and I truly believe this is a great event for everyone.

On another good note, congratulations to SGT Carter on his recent promotion. Additionally, good luck to SPC Zidarich and SGT Vasquez on their soon-to-be new babies



Lastly, this is my last month in command. After 18 months, I will change command with CPT Mark Gerasimas on 15 NOV. I cannot say enough just how proud and humble I am to have been allowed the opportunity to be the commander of A/1-2 IN. I was extremely lucky to take command of a company with Soldiers of this

caliber. While I'm sad to leave the Wolfpack family, I could not be happier that it is CPT Gerasimas and his wife Katie that will be taking over. They are a fantastic family and will take care of the Soldiers of Wolfpack. Again, thank you for everything. CPT Simeon Wood





APACHE

Greetings Apache Company family and friends! Since the last issue of the Knight Scroll was published our company completed its intensive training cycle and transitioned to individual training and resetting our equipment. Of note, a majority of our leadership is spending the month in Hohenfels supporting the 170th Infantry Brigade as they prepare for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan. The remainder of the Company conducted a number of unique training events throughout October to include training with German Soldiers, resiliency training, and returning to the fundamentals with basic rifle marksmanship.

Company leaders currently in Hohenfels are performing Observer/Controller duties for the 170th Infantry Brigade's Mission Readiness Exercise. Their primary responsibilities entail observing and evaluating infantry company's, much like ours, and enabling them to prepare for combat operations through realistic training. The cost of losing these men for a month is felt all around, but the benefit far exceeds it. By observing the 170th, we are gaining valuable insight to prepare us for future training and combat operations. For the Soldiers who remained here, many of them took part in our German-American partnership training event held in Weiden. Apache Soldiers trained Bundeswehr Soldaten how to

fire US Army weapons, and in return the Bundeswehr hosted the much coveted Schutzenschnur event for us. The Schutzenschnur facilitated our Soldiers shooting German weapon systems, where SPC Walker and PFC Arndt earned the Gold Schutzenschnur for their exceptional performances during the competition.

We also took the lead in the Task Force going through the Army's new training program known as Master Resiliency Training. Every Soldier here attended a two day course taught by our very own, SSG Ornelas, where we learned techniques to deal with a variety of situations from everyday monotony to dealing with combat stress. The program is designed to further enhance our life coping skills and is offered throughout the next month to spouses as well. For the rest of the month we'll be back on the ranges to improve our marksmanship skills with our primary weapon system, the M4 carbine. For our benefit, the company will have an abundance of rounds to fire during the two days at the ranges. The expectation

is that each Apache Soldier will return home with an "Expert Marksman" badge.

***As a last second reminder, we look forward to seeing everyone at the Company on the 29th of October for our Halloween party.

CPT David Brunais



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HAMMER



Hammer Family and Friends:

September marked an important milestone for Hammer Company and TF Black Knights, as we conducted our culmination training exercise for Full Spectrum Operations and began the transition to light infantry training. The first three weeks were spent preparing for, supporting or executing Platoon Situational Training Exercises throughout the task force. Most Hammer Soldiers lived in the field and trained core competency tasks that are too often overlooked by units focused on counterinsurgency operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our Hammer Soldiers completed a variety of tasks ranging from acting as the Opposition Force to patrol base operations and field sustainment missions. Once again the Hammer team proved that it's not a one trick pony. Our Soldiers aren't just scouts, mortarmen, mechanics, or support Soldiers; rather, they're Full Spectrum Warriors that can execute a variety of complex tasks with great skill and professionalism.

October training has been more moderate, allowing our Soldiers more time at home with family. However, there is a small portion of the company (mostly junior officers and senior NCOs) that are supporting Observer/Controller operations at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center until 28 October. Our platoons spent October conducting mental resiliency training as well as individual and team light infantry training. But it hasn't been all

work during October. Our FRG held a coffee for spouses on 13 October at the Java Café in the Bowling Alley and had a great turn out. For the kids, we held a Halloween Party on 30 October complete with a free movie at the tower theatre, goodie bags, food, and other family-friendly events. In addition to military training and FRG events, our company conducted Family Resiliency Training on 13-14 October and 20-21 October. We had a great turnout for the training, and all families involved seemed to genuinely appreciate the classes.

This month six Hammer Soldiers were promoted from PFC to SPC: SPCs Demare, Jerkins, Lue, Sady, Shamblen, and Thompson. We'd like to extend our congratulations for a job well done. Hopefully this is the first of many promotions for these Soldiers. Two Hammer Soldiers, SGTs Jastad and Pearman, received Army Achievement Medals for outstanding performance as instructors for Blackhawk First Responder Training. Clearly, Hammer Soldiers are still leading the way not only in the task force, but in the brigade as well.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Hammer Team. We could not do our job without your steadfast dedication and love. STRIKE HARD!

CPT Sam Rosenberg "Hammer 6" 1SG Kevin Jackson "Hammer 7"

BLACKJACK



Since the company redeployed from Platoon STX at the end of September, the Soldiers of Black Jack have been focused on family time and the recovery and maintenance of our vehicles in preparation for vehicle turn it. Most of our senior leadership have been supporting the 170th Infantry BDE's Mission Readiness Exercise in hohenfels. As they begin to return from that mission we look forward to transitioning into a light infantry organization so we can begin training for our new mission in Afghanistan. Before that happens, our tankers will get the opportunity to conduct a "Spur Ride." This event will build spirit de corps and pride for all Soldiers who participate while testing their physical fitness, mental toughness and MOS level skills. At the completion of the Spur Ride our Tankers will be awarded the "Order of the Spur" and their Silver Spurs. The Spur Ride will serve as the culminating event for Team Black Jack as an armored organization.

Our FRG has also been very busy. The hard work and dedication of the Ladies in Team Black Jack has been extremely profound as they planned our Black Jack Halloween event, Chili cook-off, and our upcoming Black Jack Dinner Social in November, but most importantly, our ladies made baby baskets to welcome our new

family members, Wesley Bear Nickens and Savannah Acton. The Volunteer efforts and selfless sacrifices of our FRG are what make Team Black Jack unique.

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PHOENIX



The 504th MICO continued to work hard throughout October sending Soldiers TDY and supporting multiple training exercises throughout Europe. As a reward for all the hard work, Soldiers and their families took a trip to Oktoberfest. The excursion provided a great opportunity for Soldiers of the 504th to enjoy a unique German cultural experience. This month, Pam Cohen transitioned FRG leadership to Michelle McCarty. Pam worked extremely hard to make the FRG something people wanted to participate in, and her hard work and dedication are much appreciated. The Company is excited to welcome Michelle to position, and though she has got some big shoes to fill, she is sure to excel. Next month's Halloween Party will be her first challenge.

The ACT/CGS Platoon continued to provide intelligence over watch and support to units deployed to Afghanistan. The platoon coordinated with 2nd Stryker Regiment to develop long term tactical intelligence products, analyze the performance of the Afghan army and police units, and identify insurgent networks in southern and eastern Afghanistan. The HUMINT Platoon worked on both MOS and Common Military Skills this month. Each Soldier was given a training

topic and was required to teach their peers in map reading, land navigation, media relations, advanced interrogation planning, and rapport building techniques, among other topics.

The SIGINT Platoon had Soldiers on several continents this past month. SGT Dabney and SPC Khushenazarov (both Russian Linguists) deployed to Latvia in support of Operation Saber Strike, SPC Lucas and SGT Sevilla attended training in Ft. Hood, and SGT Taylor and SGT Barney supported the USAREUR CPX training taking place at Camp Aachen.

The UAV platoon spent the month supporting the 170th MRX with OCs and preparing for an inspection in November.

HQs platoon worked diligently to successfully complete change of command inventories on time so the company could have a smooth transitioning of command. The company is proud to announce that SPC Vasquez, SPC Bivens, SPC Khushenazarov and SPC Wexler attended the promotion board and were recommended for promotion to Sergeant. The 504th MICO has grown over the past month with a few new additions including new-

born baby, Raver Hanson who was born to SSG Matthew Hanson and his wife, Zarah. The company would also like to formally welcome Captain Brown, his wife Rhonda, and children Izaiah and Reagan to the 504th MI family. The 504th looks forward to working under Captain Brown's command though they will miss CPT Brewster and wish her luck.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Shake it Off and Step Up!

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally he decided the animal was old and the well needed to be covered up anyway, it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well and was astonished at what he saw. With every shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up.

Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off.

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well, is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step upward!





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FAMILY READINESS GROUP CORNER

BLACK KNIGHTS OCTOBER FRG NOTES

We want to take this opportunity to

CONGRATULATE our...

BLACK KNIGHTS 3-66 VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH:
PAM COHEN

BLACK KNIGHTS COMPANY VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH:

Lindsay Rogers (Apache)
Alexandria Paich (Blackjack)

Nichole Norman (Hammer)

Halli Peil (Hammer)

Ashley Areal (Hammer)

Stephanie Bivens (Phoenix)

Stephanie Herbert (Wolfpack)

Ali Cartmill (Wolfpack)

NEW LEADERS AND/OR THOSE WHO WENT TO TRAINING

Michelle McCarty- FRG Leader **Gillian Nickens-**New POC and went to training

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW BABY KNIGHTS!

Wesley Bear Nickens born on October 17, 2010 to Gillian and Martin Nickens

Savannah Acton born on October 15, 2010 to Sabrina and Zakareh Acton

Adien Golebiewski born on October 10, 2010 to Nina and Matthew Golebiewski

Emrik Rowan Roundtree born on October 8, 2010 to Amelia and Breck Roundtree

Alivea D. Lucei born on October 5, 2010 to Jessica and Edward Lucei

Isabell G. Papagrigoratos born on October 5, 2010 to Mensah Mayfred and Dinoysios Papagrigoratos

• Brigade Health Care

November 1st Childcare has been switched from FRG Tuesday Nov. 2 to Monday Nov. 1st for this event. Same rules apply for signing children up.

TF 3-66 AR Organizational Day ~November 24

MRT Training Available Dates: Nov. 20-21, Nov. 22-23, Dec. 4-5, Dec. 6-7, Dec. 16-17

Sharon and I have enjoyed congratulating your volunteers of the month and seeing you at your company events. Thank you for inviting us!

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Pam Cohen. She has taken great care of our Phoenix FRG. Thank you, Pam! Great to have Michelle McCarty step up and join our Task Force FRG Leaders.

We look forward to having fun with you at the Task Force Black Knights' Organizational Day in November.

Have a safe Halloween! Jennifer and Sharon Your Black Knight FRG Advisors

Flag Etiquette...

At Retreat-The most frequent occasion you will have to show **respect** for the American flag on a military post is at Retreat. This ceremony honors our flag as it is being lowered from the flagpole at the end of each day.

Those who are outdoors (do not run inside) on an Army post at the time of Retreat are expected to stop what they are doing, face in the direction of the flagpole, and stand at attention until the flag is down and the music has ended. This courtesy is expected from everyone on post who is outside, not just those in uniform or in sight of the flagpole. Even if you can't see the flag, you will know that it is Retreat when you see others standing at attention, or when you hear the music. When driving stop the car at Retreat, get out, and stand beside the car and all passengers should do the same. Children should be taught to stand still for these few minutes, out of courtesy to the American flag.

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November 2010



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7	8 Point of contact Training 1000-1100 Graf Chapel Annex Oberpfalz AWAG Conferrence	9 AFTB Level 1 0900-1430 Vilseck Bldg 322 FRG Leadership F.U.N. Children and development @ Chapel Annex 0930- 1130	AFTB Level 1 0900-1430 Vilseck Bldg. 322 Power Training 0900-1530 Vilseck bldg. 322	11 Veterans Day ESPN Broadcast	12 Training Holiday	13
14	Point of contact Training 1000-1100 Vilseck Bldg. 322	16	17	18 EFMP Free Bowling Main post bowling center	19	20
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21	22 FRG Treasurer Training 101 1000-1100 Graf Chapel Annex	23 EFMP 101 1530-1700 Vilseck bldg. 322	24 Community Huddle 1130- 1300 Tower View	25 Thanksgiving	26 Training Holiday	27
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December 2010



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		FRG SCHEDULE OF E	EVENT	rs es es es	
29	Oct	Bravo Halloween Party	1500	Building 911	
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2	Nov	504 th MI FRG Meeting	1800	Building 636	
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9	Nov	Bravo Co. Chili Cook Off	1100	Building 911	
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8	Nov	Oberpfalz AWAG Conference	TBA	Bldg. 134 Rose Barracks	3
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		*Manage the Madness		_	
3	Nov	EFMP Free Bowling	1600	Vilseck Bowling Center	
4	Nov	EFMP Free Movie Bash	1600	Main Post Theater	
8	Nov	Point of Contact Training	1000	Main post Chapel Annex	
9	Nov	FRG Leadership F.U.N. Workshop *Children and Deployment	0930	Main Post Chapel Annex	
10	Nov	Teacher Parent Conference	TBA	Elementary schools only	
10	Nov	Power Training	0900	Vilseck Bldg. 322	المشي
11	Nov	ESPN Broadcast	TBA	Parade Field	3
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18	Nov	Native American Heritage Day	1130	Performance Art Center	
23	Nov	EFMP 101 Training	1530	Vilseck Bldg. 322	
24	Nov	Community Huddle	1130	Tower View Restaurant	
24	Nov	SNAC Meeting	1030	Main Post Bldg. 244 Rm. 219	
30	Nov	AFTB Level I begins	0900	Vilseck Bldg. 221 Rm 206	
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